

Is solar and wind power generation illegal



Overview

USA TODAY's analysis found 15% of counties nationwide now have some impediment to new utility-scale wind and solar energy. Gauging those impediments required researching a variety of local rules including outright bans, zoning restrictions, specialized land-use rules or. At least 15% of counties in the U. will not approve wind or solar power projects. Trump has tightened federal permitting for renewables with Interior Secretary Doug Burgum now having the final say. Renewable companies fear that projects will no longer receive permits that were once normal course. As part of a series of attacks on wind and solar, the IRS eliminated a key pathway for companies to demonstrate they have begun construction and thus qualify for federal tax credits before they expire on J. The administration unjustly and arbitrarily singled out solar and wind projects. Actions to expand generation and consumption of solar and wind energy are seen in three distinct arenas: (1) incentivizing renewable energy production and use, (2) increasing the use of public lands for solar and wind energy projects, and (3) expanding electricity transmission to allow. Previous studies identified at least 1,800 local zoning restrictions on wind projects as of 2021, such as setback requirements, and approximately 800 restrictions on solar projects.

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[How we tallied local bans, limits on renewable energy nationwide](#)

For each state, we created an overview of current and past state law on the placement and regulation of wind and solar power, and a list of counties that currently have blocks.



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Because large-scale solar and wind projects typically are built outside city limits, USA TODAY's analysis focuses on restrictions by the county-level governments that have jurisdiction.



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US District Judge Patti Saris said Monday the order is "arbitrary and capricious and contrary to law," siding with more than a dozen US states and a clean energy group that had challenged it.



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The extra layer of scrutiny for wind and solar contrasts with actions by the Trump administration to make it easier and cheaper for companies to produce oil, coal, gas and nuclear power.



[Federal judge throws out Trump order blocking development of wind](#)

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While the rule change does not explicitly contemplate wind and solar power generation, many issues that the rule addresses relate to independent renewable generators.



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One farm family hopes to see a solar energy plant built on their land. But in some places, efforts to build utility-scale solar and wind farms are met with fierce opposition.



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